

THE CRUMB

Volume XXXIV, No. 1 Bread Loaf, Vermont Wednesday, August 12, 1959

Middlebury College and the Conference welcome you to the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference. This bulletin, "The Crumb," is the official newspaper of the Conference. Each morning it will be left at your place in the Dining Hall. "The Crumb" contains daily schedules, notices of lectures, discussions and other activities.

TONIGHT

Tonight at 8:00 P.M. in the Little Theatre, Dr. Samuel Stratton, President of Middlebury College, will welcome members of the 1959 Conference. Mr. John Ciardi, Director of the Conference, will speak on "Writing and Typewriting." A reception in the Barn will follow the program.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contributors:

All contributors' manuscripts should be turned in to Mr. Cubeta in the Director's Office as soon as possible and not later than noon Thursday. Mr. Cubeta will take special note of any problems and requests. Mr. Ciardi and the staff will then try to solve the problems and to accommodate the requests. Since it will be necessary to have all manuscripts on hand before individual assignments are determined, no final action can be taken before Thursday afternoon.

Newspapers:

Anyone interested in receiving either daily or Sunday (or both) newspapers should see James Lindholm at the main desk before Thursday noon. Subscriptions will last for the duration of the Conference.

Dry Cleaning:

Dry cleaning pick-up and delivery days will be Monday and Thursday as announced. All cleaning to go down this Thursday should be at the main desk before 1 P.M. tomorrow.

In Memoriam

We regret to announce that Mts. Victor Johnson, our Bread Loaf Housekeeper, died quite suddenly earlier this summer. For many years Mrs. Johnson and her husband Victor have done more to make life here on the mountain pleasant and comfortable for all of us than words can even hint. The Writers' Conference at Bread Loaf wishes to express heartfelt sympathy to Victor Johnson and Mrs. Johnson's daughter, Barbara.

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LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:00	Novel: Mr. Sloane
10:15	Non-fiction: Mr. Raney
11:30	Juvenile: Miss Blake
2:00	Short Story: Miss Hale
3:15	Poetry: Mr. Ciardi

EVENING LECTURE

At 8:00 this evening Mr. Ralph Ellison will deliver a lecture. All members of the Conference are reminded that lectures and discussions take place in the Little Theatre.

MAGAZINE DISPLAY

A large collection of magazines of all kinds is on display in the Barn. This has been assembled for the pleasure of the whole Conference. It is urged that copies not be removed from the Barn.

BOOK BROWSING:

A copy of each book on sale at the Bookstore will be on display in the Barn. Members may also examine books in the Bookstore during the periods when it is open.

THE PARKING PROBLEM

The State Police enforces a highway law which prohibits parking on the road in front of the Inn and Cottages. Guests are therefore urged to use the two parking areas on the campus: the main area in front of the Barn, or on the east side of the highway.

AUTOGRAPHED BOOKS

Books which members of the Conference buy in the Bookstore, and which they wish autographed by their respective authors, may be left with the manager of the Bookstore and picked up at a later date. All books, whether autographed or not, must be paid for before they are set aside.

MEAL TIMES:

The dining room doors are open from 8:00 to 8:30 A.M.; 1:00 to 1:15 p.m.; and 6:15 to 6:30 P.M.

The doors will then be closed promptly and firmly and no one -- staff, fellows, conference members, or guests -- will be admitted thereafter under any circumstances. The waiters and waitresses are

all carefully selected and especially valued members of this conference, and it is important that they have time to finish their work and still get to the lectures. Anyone who arrives too late to be seated in the dining room will be able to get some sort of snack at the Barn. When the doors close, do not head for the Complaint Desk; head for the Barn.

As far as meals are concerned, the Inn clock, just outside the dining room door is THE CORRECT TIME. Set your watches and clocks accordingly.

PHOTOGRAPHERS:

The team of photographers you will see for the next day or two is from Life Magazine and is headed by Alfred Eisenstadt who will appreciate your cooperation.

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Friday, August 14, 1959

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

- 9:00 Non-Fiction: Mr. Teller
10:15 Poetry: Mr. Meredith
11:30 Juvenile: Miss Blake
2:00 Short Story: Mr. Summers
3:15 Open

EVENING LECTURE

This evening at 8:00 P.M. Miss Hale will speak in the Little Theatre on the subject of "Hemingway and the Courage to Be."

CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK-END

It is customary for owners of cars to offer transportation for those without cars who wish to go to church services in Middlebury on Sunday or special religious days. A list is posted on the dining room bulletin board for those who wish to offer rides. Persons seeking transportation should get in touch with those who have signed on the church list.

WEEKEND ABSENCES

Those who are to be away from the campus over the weekend should sign the list posted on the bulletin board by the Main Desk, leaving a forwarding address in case of emergency. The dietitian would also like to have persons sign this list who will be absent from any meals in the dining room.

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Saturday, Aug. 15, 1959

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

- 9:00 Juvenile: Miss Blake
10:15 Short Story: Mr. Gehman
11:30 Novel: Mr. Ellison
2:00 Poetry: Mr. Barker
3:15 Dante's Inferno: Mr. Ciardi

EVENING LECTURE

At 8:00 o'clock this evening Mr. Summers will speak in the Little Theatre on "The Tense of a Poem."

CASHING CHECKS

Guests are urged to note carefully the closing dates for cashing checks drawn on banks in various geographical areas. Checks must be cashed by NOON of the dates specified below, at the main desk.

August 24 -- Banks in Boston and New York City only
(not suburbs)

August 21 -- Banks in New York State, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New England states.

August 17 -- All other banks

The banks in Middlebury will not cash a member's check unless it has the Bread Loaf stamp on it; this identification can be secured at the main desk.

MESSAGE CHECK

Members should check their postboxes several times daily for messages, notices of telephone calls, etc.

HIKING GUIDE FOR THE WEEKEND

With clear weather in sight, the following hiking guide is suggested. The Brook Trail: From the Inn, proceed eastward on the highway to the Goshen Trail across from the white "schoolhouse." Turn right here, and cross the bridge over the little stream; a few yards beyond this turn right onto a slightly grassy roadway, passing to the right of a beaver pond (the pond will be on your left). Proceed until you come to another bridge where a small stake with an arrow marks the beginning of the trail. This trail is clearly marked and follows around to the meadow across from the Inn.

PICNIC

Weather permitting, luncheon will be served out-of-doors today on the lawn in front of the Little Theatre.

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Sunday, August 16, 1959

EVENING LECTURE

Tonight at 8:00 in the Little Theatre Mr. George Barker will speak on "Letters to a Deaf Poet." He will also read from some of his poetry.

HIKING GUIDE

Lake Pleiad (2-5 hours). Lake Pleiad is a beautiful mountain lake, clear, and a good hiking distance from Bread Loaf Inn. The hike may be shortened to less than one hour by driving east from the Inn to the summit of Hancock-Ripton Pass. At this point the Long Trail crosses the highway. Turn right from the highway onto the trail and follow it for approximately .3 of a mile. Lake Pleiad Shelter will be passed along the way. The lake is suitable for swimming, so the rumor has it.

SHUT UP! (Please)

Some few souls at Bread Loaf have been known to sleep -- or to try to. Please do not slam, clatter, bang, shout, and/or guffaw between 10:30 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. If you want to whoop it up, head for the woods. Have fun -- but quietly please.

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Volume XXXIV, No. 6 Bread Loaf, Vermont Monday August 17, 1959

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:00 Poetry: Mr. Meredith
10:15 Novel: Miss Hale
11:30 Short Story: Mr. Summers
2:00 Non-Fiction: Mr. Teller
3:15 Mr. Upson

NOTE: That Mr. William Hazlitt Upson will speak this afternoon at 3:15 in the theatre.

EVENING LECTURE

Tonight at 8:00 Mr. William Meredith will speak in the Little Theatre.

CHECK CASHING REMINDER

Today, August 17, is the last day on which checks drawn on most banks can be cashed; they must be turned in at the main desk by NOON. Please note carefully the closing dates for cashing checks drawn on banks of other areas. No further announcements on this matter will be made. No exceptions can be made to the deadlines announced.

POSTOFFICE COMBINATIONS

Please return today or tomorrow the mimeographed postoffice box combinations that were issued on registration day.

COME TO THE PARTY!

Mrs. Ciardi and Mrs. Cubeta cordially invite all members of the Bread Loaf wedding to a coffee-and-cookie thing on the croquet lawn TOMORROW immediately after the second afternoon lecture, weather permitting. Weather denying, the modest festivities will be moved to the Barn.

FROST BOOKS

Tomorrow is the last day on which books by Robert Frost may be purchased with the possibility of obtaining an autograph. Books by Frost may still be purchased until the end of the Conference, but any bought after tomorrow cannot be autographed.

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Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1959

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:00	Short Story: Mr. Ellison
10:15	Non-Fiction: Mr. Gehman
11:30	Poetry: Mr. Barker
2:00	Novel: Mr. Sloane
3:15	Juvenile: Miss Blake

EVENING LECTURE

Mr. Theodore Morrison, former Director of the Writers' Conference, will speak at 8 o'clock in the Little Theatre. The title of his talk will be "Wanted, Preferably Living."

CHANGE IN SNACK BAR HOURS

Beginning today, the Snack Bar in the Barn will be open at 8:45 A.M. so that those who miss breakfast can partially fuel up before the opening lecture.

REMINDER OF THE PARTY

Members are reminded of the invitation from Mrs. Ciardi and Mrs. Cubeta to the "Coffee-and-Cookie Thing" this afternoon after the final lecture.

LAST DAY FOR FROST BOOKS AUTOGRAPHED

This morning (8:30-9 A.M.) will be the last chance to get Frost books autographed. Books will still be sold, but cannot be sent down for autographs hereafter.

THE 1959 CONFERENCE FELLOWS

IRENE ORGEL, of England and Brooklyn, has a special Bread Loaf fellowship. She published work in England, and then in such magazines as Harper's and Mademoiselle. Her work includes stories, poems, and a series of feature articles in the N.Y. Times Sunday magazine.

The Funk and Wagnalls fellowship in prose is awarded to ROBERT HUTCHINSON of Hutchinson, Kansas. Holder of the Eugene F. Saxton Fellowship for his novel in progress, The Wheat Crop, his short stories and poems have appeared in many magazines, and Alan Swallow published his book of poems, The Kitchen Dance, in 1955. His previous awards have included residence at the McDowell Colony and Yaddo, with scholarships from Bread Loaf and the New School.

When asked what she would like to be able to say of herself at age 60, ELIZABETH BAKER replied, "That I liked everything I had written." Her first book, a juvenile titled Tammy Camps Out, was published by Houghton Mifflin in 1958. She is from Concord, Massachusetts, and has won the Weekly Reader fellowship in juvenile literature. Her next book, Treasures of Rattlesnake Hill, will be brought out by Houghton Mifflin this fall. She is engaged in completing a novel.

GEORGE LEA is recipient of the Fletcher Pratt memorial fellowship in prose. His novel, Somewhere There's Music, was published by Lippincott in 1958. He destroyed his second novel, and his third may be completed late this year.

ANNE SEXTON holds the Robert Frost Fellowship in poetry. She lives in Newton, Massachusetts, and has been writing for some two years. Her first collection of poetry, To Bedlam and Partway Back, will be published by Houghton Mifflin next March. As to what she would like to be able to say of her work at age 60, she answers, "I want other people to say it."

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DAILY SCHEDULE (Clinic Hours)

9:00 Short Story Clinic
10:30 Novel Clinic
2:00 Poetry Clinic
3:30 Juvenile Clinic

NOTE: All clinics are held in the Little Theatre

EVENING LECTURE

This evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Little Theatre Mr. Richard Gehman will speak on the topic of "The Business of Being a Writer."

NOTICE FROM THE MAIN DESK

On Friday, guests will find in their boxes a sheet of information about closing days and a departure-form to be filled out. The latter should be turned in at the Main Desk by 6:00 P.M., Friday. It is essential that all persons return this form, since it is used as a basis for arranging taxis to meet buses, for sending out express and parcel post, and other matters connected with closing the Conference.

AUTOGRAPHED BOOKS TO BE PICKED UP:

The following books have now been autographed and those who have bought them should call at the Bookstore immediately to pick them up. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU REMEMBER BEFORE YOU COME TO

CLAIM THE BOOKS THE TITLES OF THOSE YOU HAVE BOUGHT!

- (1) TELLER, Walter The Search for Captain Slocum
- (2) _____, _____ The Voyages of Joshua Slocum
- (3) HALE, Nancy Heaven and Hardpan Farm
- (4) MEREDITH, William The Open Sea and Other Poems
- (5) ELLISON, Ralph The Invisible Man
- (6) CUBETA, Paul Modern Drama for Analysis
- (7) All Mr. Ciardi's books; please know specific ones!

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Thursday, August 20, 1959

DAILY SCHEDULE AND CLINIC TOPICS

- 9:00 Mr. Raney: "The Editor and Non-Fiction": A CLINIC
- 10:30 Mr. Summers: "Character and the Reader": A CLINIC — NOVEL
- 2:00 Mr. Gehman: "Switch in points of View": A CLINIC — SHORT STORY
- 3:30 Mr. Meredith: "Repetition and Form": A CLINIC

EVENING LECTURE

Mr. John Ciardi will read and talk about his own poems this evening at 8 o'clock in the Little Theatre.

TIPPING

For tipping waiters: A box will be placed on the table inside the dining room door

For tipping maids: the tip may be given directly to the maid in the room or left at the main desk in a marked envelope (e.g. "For Maid, Inn 55).

LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING

Today, Thursday, is the last day for sending out dry cleaning and laundry. That sent today will be returned Monday.

PRINTS FOR SALE

On the upper floor of the Library there is an exhibit of wood engravings and cuts by Mrs. Theresa Davidson. These prints are on sale in the Bookstore at the prices marked on the display. Members of the Conference who are interested in these prints should examine the display, make their selection, and ask for the particular print at the Bookstore. It is helpful if you will request the print by number. Those prints in the Bookstore cannot be displayed.

AUTOGRAPHED BOOKS AVAILABLE

Mr. Morrison's novel To Make A World, and Mr. Summers' two novels are both autographed and ready to be picked up in the Bookstore as soon as possible.

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Volume XXXIV, No. 10 Bread Loaf, Vermont Friday, Aug. 21, 1959

DAILY SCHEDULE AND CLINIC TOPICS

- 9:00 Miss Blake: "Stories in Verse": A CLINIC
- 10:30 Mr. Summers: "A Statement of Fiction": A CLINIC --
Short Story
- 2:00 Mr. Ellison: "Making Characters Real": A CLINIC --
Novel
- 3:30 Mr. Barker: "Some Aspects of Some Things": A CLINIC

EVENING LECTURE

Mr. Dan Wakefield will speak this evening in the Little Theatre at 8 o'clock. His topic will be "The Reporter and the Poet."

DEPARTURE SLIPS

The management requests that the departure slips in your box today be filled out and left at the main desk before 6:00 P.M. this evening (FRIDAY!)

NOTICES FROM THE BOOKSTORE

1. Mr. Barker's Collected Poems are now autographed and ready for distribution.
2. Miss Hale's novel, A New England Girlhood has just arrived in the BOOKSTORE. The supply is limited. A copy has also been placed in the Barn with the others there on display.

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Sunday, Aug. 23, 1959

POETRY CLINIC:

2:30 P.M. -- Mr. Ciardi, in the Little Theatre

EVENING LECTURE

Mr. Richard Wilbur will read his poems and talk about them this evening in the Little Theatre at 8:00 P.M.

LIBRARY NOTICE

All books are due back in the library by the end of the day Monday. This is imperative!

TAXI TRIPS

Those who are using the School bus to meet buses in Middlebury on Wednesday must pay the \$ 1.00 fare at the desk by 6:00 P.M. Monday, August 24; otherwise, places will not be reserved for them. No reservations will be made after 6:00 P.M.

8:55 BUS, WEDNESDAY MORNING

In order to allow time for those leaving on the 8:55 bus to have breakfast, a special section in the dining room will be reserved for those who have signed up for the 8:25 taxi that meets this bus -- and for those ONLY. Ask the head waiter where these tables are. The taxi will leave promptly at 8:25.

EXPRESS

The express list on the bulletin board will be taken down Tuesday noon. Be sure to sign on this list so that luggage and parcels may be picked up for collect shipment Wednesday. The School assumes no responsibility for shipment unless pieces are noted on this list.

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Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1959

DAILY SCHEDULE AND CLINIC TOPICS

9:00 Miss Blake: "Tying up the Loose Ends": A CLINIC
10:30 Mr. Sloane: "Building a Novel" : A CLINIC
2:00 Mr. Robert Frost

BANQUET TONIGHT

To highlight the last evening of the Conference a banquet will be held this evening at 6:30. Dining room doors will be opened at 6:25, and closed promptly at 6:30. Please be punctual.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Library books should have been returned by 8:00 P.M. yesterday. Those who have not done so are prolonging the work of the staff and librarian. It will be appreciated if all these books which are still out be returned at once.

BOOKSTORE:

SALE

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The following books are on sale at the bookstore at the price listed:

Complete Frost Poems (1949)	3.70	<u>Inferno</u> (hard-bound)	2.40
<u>Road Not Taken</u>	2.25	<u>How To Write And Sell Maga-</u>	
<u>Things of This World</u> (Wilbur)	2.10	<u>zine Articles</u>	3.30
<u>Dimensions of Robert Frost</u> (Cook)	2.55	<u>Jury Is Still Out</u>	2.90
<u>As If</u>	2.30	<u>Voyages of Joshua Slocum</u>	3.90
<u>Reason For the Pelican</u>	2.10	<u>To Make A World</u> (Morrison)	3.55
<u>How Does A Poem Mean?</u>	1.60	<u>Island In the City</u> (Wakefield)	3.20
Frost (paperbacks)	.25	<u>New England Girlhood</u>	3.20

PARCEL-POST

Parcel-post packages must be mailed by 4:00 P.M., Tuesday.

SAFETY DEPOSITS

Safety deposits must be picked up at the main desk by Tuesday noon.